

MASSACHUSETTS STATE LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO
STATLER-HILTON HOTEL, BOSTON
OCTOBER 5 - 8, 1965

P R O G R A M

EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION

REGISTRATION, BALLROOM WEST, STATLER-HILTON HOTEL

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5th (Morning Session)

Convention Opens, Main Ballroom, Statler-Hilton Hotel, 10:30 a.m.

- ✓ Call to Order by Valentine P. Murphy, Pres., Gr. Boston Central Labor Council
- 10:45 a.m. National Anthem - Victoria Samuelian
- ✓ 11:00 a.m. Invocation - Rev. Dr. Tex S. Sample, Dir., Dept. of Social Relations, Mass. Council of Churches
- ✓ 11:15 a.m. Greetings of the City of Boston - Mayor John F. Collins
- 11:30 a.m. Introduction of Permanent Chairman, President Salvatore Camelio
- Report of Rules Committee
- ✓ 11:45 a.m. Wm. F. Schnitzler, Secretary-Treasurer, AFL-CIO
- 12:00 noon Convention Call - James P. Loughlin, Secretary-Treasurer

(Afternoon Session 2:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.)

- 2:00 p.m. Call to Order
- ✓ 2:30 p.m. Hugh Thompson, AFL-CIO New England Regional Director
- 3:00 p.m. Partial report of Constitution and other committees
- 4:30 p.m. Adjournment

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 6th (Morning Session)

- ✓ 10:00 a.m. Invocation - Rev. Mortimer H. Gavin, S.J., Inst. of Ind. Relations
- 10:45 a.m. Governor John A. Volpe
- ✓ 11:05 a.m. Commissioner Rocco Alberto, Department of Labor & Industries
- 11:20 a.m. Alexander E. Barkan, AFL-CIO COPE Director

(Afternoon Session 2:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.)

- 2:00 p.m. Nomination of Officers
- 3:30 p.m. William H. Claffin, III, Chairman, Mass. Bay United Fund Campaign
- 3:50 p.m. Francis J. Coyle, Staff Rep., AFL-CIO Community Services Activities
- 4:30 p.m. Adjournment
- 8:00 p.m. Convention Dance - Bay State Room, Statler-Hilton Hotel

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7th (Morning Session)

- ✓ 10:00 a.m. Invocation - Rabbi Joseph S. Shubow, Temple Bnai Moshe
- 10:30 a.m. United States Senator Edward M. Kennedy
- ✓ 10:50 a.m. Joseph Salerno, N.E. Reg. Mgr., Amal. Clothing Workers of America
- 11:10 a.m. United States Congressman John W. McCormack
- ✓ 11:45 a.m. Professor Ben B. Seligman, Dir., Labor Center, Univ. of Mass.

(Afternoon Session 2:00 - 4:15 p.m.)

- 2:00 p.m. Scholarship Awards
- ✓ 3:00 p.m. President Maurice Donahue, Massachusetts State Senate
- 3:20 p.m. Speaker John Davoren, Massachusetts House of Representatives
- 3:40 p.m. Report of Committees
- 7:00 p.m. Convention Banquet - Main Ballroom, Statler-Hilton Hotel

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8th (Morning Session) -- 7:30 a.m.-12 noon VOTING - STANBRO HALL

- 10:00 a.m. Report of Resolutions Committee
- ✓ 11:00 a.m. Director J. William Belanger, Division of Employment Security
- 11:20 a.m. Robert Wiseman, Representative, ACWA Union Label Department

(Afternoon Session 2:00 p.m.)

- 2:00 p.m. Report of Resolutions and other committees
- Election Committee Report
- Adjournment

(Constitution Committee-Room 414 -- Credential Committee-Parlor E --

Resolutions Committee-Room 416 -- Rules Committee-Room 418

Time and room of other committee meetings will be announced
from the platform and posted at back of hall.)

SPECIAL TO LYNN SUNDAY POST

To: Michael Latkowigch

From: Gerard Kable, Director
Public Relations Department

The Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, under the presidency of Salvatore Camelio since October of 1964, has been speaking loud and clear on important issues affecting the workers of Massachusetts. The unwavering position of the State Labor Council in its efforts to block enactment of a sales tax can leave no doubt that President Camelio has won the respect and the loyalty of the vast majority of union members throughout the Commonwealth and that official statements issued by the Council carry great weight.

The first post-Convention meeting of the Executive Board of the Council this year was held October 21st, at the peak of the student demonstrations against the government's policy in Vietnam. The following resolution was introduced at this meeting and was unanimously adopted after a number of vice presidents and Salvatore Camelio had made caustic comments on the lack of understanding and lack of patriotism displayed by the demonstrators:

"Whereas: The AFL-CIO, speaking for millions of America workers, has pledged its support of the government of the United States in fulfilling its commitments to the free nations of the world, and

"Whereas: The AFL-CIO has repeatedly affirmed and re-affirmed its support of the United Nations as a vehicle for maintaining peace throughout the world, and

"Whereas: This commitment has caused the government of the United States along with other Nations to provide military force to halt destructive acts of aggression, which would destroy the peace and the freedom of people in the free nations of the world, and

"Whereas: The aggression in Vietnam supported by the Communist governments threatens world peace and the freedom of the Asiatic people, and

"Whereas: Recent demonstrations by a small group at various campuses in the United States does not represent the voice of the majority of Americans, therefore be it

"Resolved: That the Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, in conjunction with the National AFL-CIO, hereby supports the United States' position in Vietnam and the efforts of President Johnson, and be it further

"Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the White House and the National AFL-CIO in support of President Johnson and the United States' position in Vietnam."

The words of this resolution express the sentiments of more than a half million organized workers throughout the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. It is more than a pledge of support. It is a message of warning to those who do not recall the lessons of history. The drafters of the resolution and the leaders who adopted it unanimously are men and women who lived through the Second World War and who believe that it could have been averted.

They know that if Hitler had been stopped in the Saar -- or in Austria -- or even in Czechoslovakia -- all the suffering, the destruction and the casualties that ensued after the free world failed to stop him in Poland might have been averted.

In Vietnam the United States is trying to stop the Peking War Lords from moving on and on -- until a Third World War -- perhaps an atomic war --

explodes in the face of the free world. Young Americans are being killed and maimed in Vietnam -- but how many more young American would be killed and maimed, how many women and children and old people would be killed and maimed, how many cities and towns would be blasted to ruins if the brave young Americans now going through hell in Vietnam were recalled?


Two letters were read to the members of the State Labor Council at its last meeting, held in Boston November 18. One came from the White House. It read:

"The President has received your letter enclosing the copy of the resolution adopted by your organization. The views expressed therein have been noted, and the President asked me to thank you for your courtesy in apprising him of this action. Your support for this Nation's position regarding Viet-Nam is indeed appreciated." The letter was signed by Paul M. Popple, Assistant to the President.

The other letter came from the National AFL-CIO. It read:

I have been asked to acknowledge your letter of November 3, addressed to President George Meany, enclosing the resolution adopted by the Executive Council of the Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO, in support of the United States' position in Vietnam.

"The resolution is excellent, and it is our hope that the action of the Massachusetts State Labor Council in this regard will inspire other AFL-CIO bodies to adopt similar expressions of support for official AFL-CIO policy and President Johnson's efforts in the cause of human freedom and peace."



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ADDRESS TO EIGHTH ANNUAL CONVENTION
OF
MASS. STATE LABOR COUNCIL, AFL-CIO
Statler-Hilton Hotel - Boston, Mass.

By
Salvatore Camelio, President

Distinguished Guests, Delegates, and Friends:

Let me open my remarks by thanking you -- and all officers and members of our affiliated local unions who are not here today -- for the cooperation you have given me all year.

This cooperation has made it easier to bear the heavy tasks and the grave responsibilities of the office to which you elected me last year.

As members of organized labor, we can be proud of the progress we have made in 1965. We can be proud, particularly, of the amazing progress we have made through the 89th Congress.

Our pride is justified -- because it was you, and men and women like you in every state in the nation, who worked hard last Fall to elect a majority of Congressmen who would keep their promises to the people.

I wish I could say the same thing for the men we helped to elect to the State Legislature here on Beacon Hill. But we'll go into that later.

First let's take a close look at what happened in Washington. If we look closely enough, we have to admit -- to ourselves, at least, that the people of America were entitled to everything the 89th Congress gave them ten -- fifteen -- twenty -- and thirty years or more ago.

Every gain we made through the 89th Congress in 1965 is something for which we had been fighting for years.

Just take medical care for the aged. Perhaps our most important legislative victory in 1965.

Medical care for the aged made as much sense in 1943 -- when Senator Wagner of New York and Senator Murray of Montana proposed it -- as it does today.

It made sense when President Truman fought for it in 1945.

It made sense in 1957 when Representative Forand of Rhode Island launched an intensive drive to put it over.

And it made sense when Senator Anderson of New Mexico and Representative King of California sponsored John F. Kennedy's proposal in 1962.

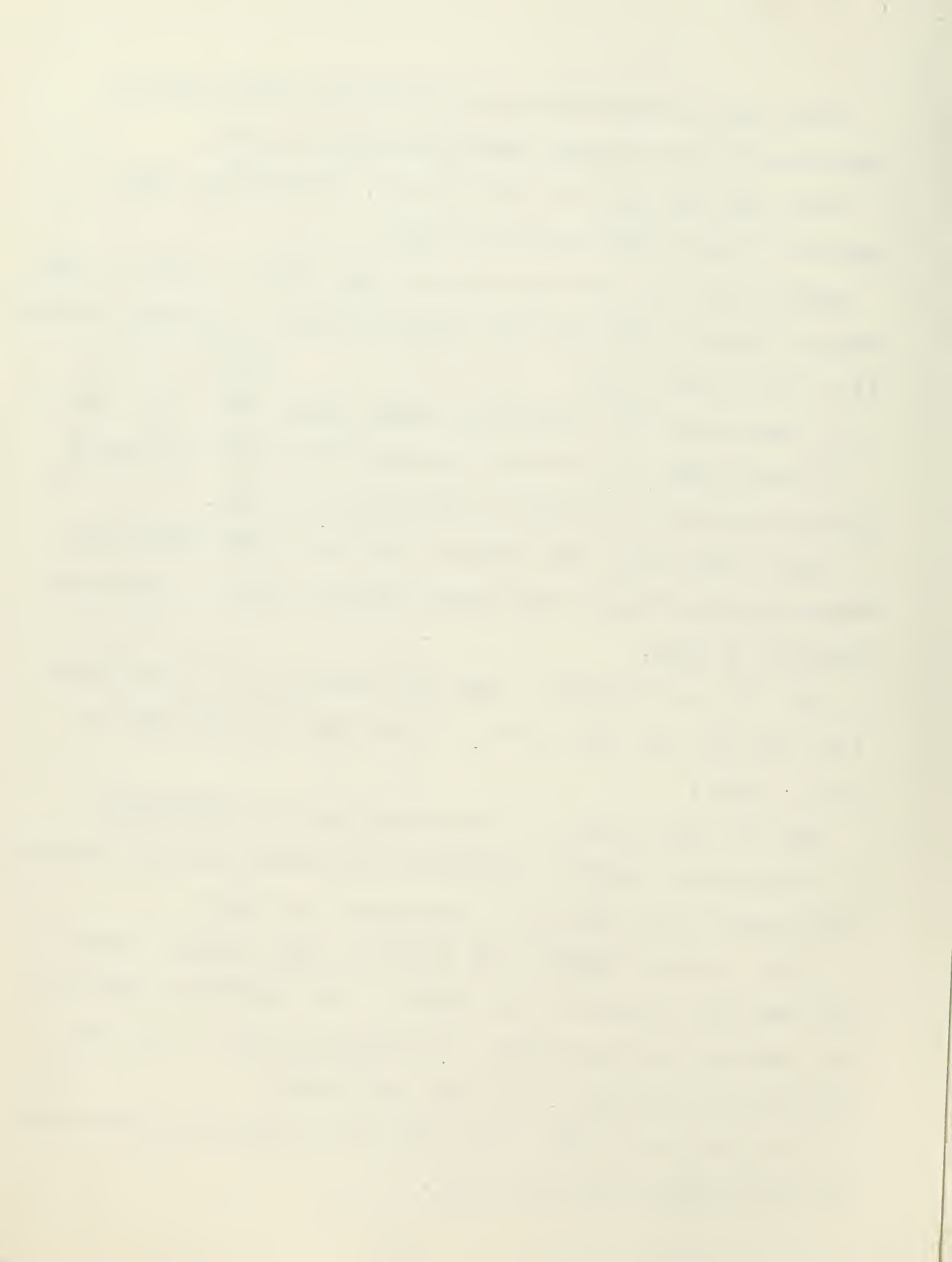
Now it's on the books. And only because you -- and people like you all over the country -- never gave up the fight to put it there.

And if I say it here -- others have said it elsewhere.

When Senator Anderson addressed the Legislative and Economic Conference of the AFL-CIO in Washington, he said:

(And I quote) "Having been a part of this effort, I know how much the victory is the result of the unflagging labor of the American union movement. The entire nation -- not just millions of the aged -- will owe you thanks."

The same can be said of all the other advances we have made at the national level this year.



The Voting Rights Bill. To correct one of the worst injustices ever perpetrated on any minority group.

Just study the proceedings of every convention held by labor organizations anywhere.

You will find resolutions adopted by everyone of them calling for protection of the rights of every American citizen, regardless of race, color or creed.

A law that was long overdue is on the books. But is that enough? The mockery of justice that occurred in Alabama only last week puts all of America to shame before the eyes of the entire world. I think we still have some work to do before the rights of every American are fully protected.

The 89th Congress has also enacted a number of anti-poverty programs. President Johnson's Administration and the 89th Congress apparently realize that it doesn't make much sense for us to keep insisting that we're the wealthiest nation on earth -- when everybody knows that millions of Americans are living in hunger and utter degradation.

This is one area which organized labor understands well. Every time we sit at a collective bargaining table -- every time we hit the pavement with a picket line -- every time we ask for increases in our minimum wage laws -- we're fighting poverty.

It is good that the federal government will extend a helping hand to eleven poverty-stricken states in the Appalachia region. It is good that the provisions of existing laws such as the

Manpower Development and Training Act have been extended to make them more effective. It is good that job development programs have been launched -- and that grants and loans are made available to create new jobs in depressed area.

But the most significant effort in the fight against poverty is the bill under consideration by Congress to bring the Fair Labor Standards Act more up to date.

Although the bill before Congress does not meet actual needs, it is, at least a step in the right direction. It would increase the minimum wage to \$1.75 by 1968 -- and it would extend coverage to 7.2 million underpaid workers who ^{are} not now covered.

The AFL-CIO had asked for a \$2.00 minimum and double time for overtime.

The 89th Congress has also taken giant steps in the field of education. With federal aid available practically from kindergarten through and beyond college -- we may be able to give our young people the kind of training they'll need to help them retain this country's leadership among nations -- and to enable them to survive the greater challenges of the space age.

What the 89th Congress has done and is still doing -- including the repeat of Section 14b -- at present being fought desperately by reactionaries in the Senate -- will make its record more amazing and outstanding than that of the Congress that made the first one hundred days of Franklin D. Roosevelt's Administration famous throughout the world.

And let me emphasize again -- all these achievements of the 89th Congress during the past year would not have been possible if you -- and others like you throughout the nation -- had not turned out at the polls last Fall to elect the liberals and the progressives who are now in control of it.

But while we can -- and should -- be enthusiastic about all this -- let's not lose sight of our ultimate objectives.

There are still too many unemployed. Automation is still canceling out too many jobs.

And even though we are being told that this country is enjoying the longest stretch of "peace-time" prosperity ever recorded -- let's remember that millions of our young men are being transferred from the labor force to the armed forces and that our production lines are speeded up to rush military equipment to trouble spots abroad.

So let's not forget that a shorter work week is still a vital need -- that longer vacations and earlier retirement may very soon become the only road to full employment.

Now let's look at how well we've done here at the state level.

Remember that here too we went all out last Fall to put new faces in our State Legislature. So much so that ^{The} ~~that~~ Party which historically has most of labor's friends took control of both branches of our General Court by enough votes to override any veto -- no matter from what party the Governor might be.

Well -- I don't have to tell that for the past nine month our Republican Governor has been trying to jam a sales tax through the State Legislature.

I don't have to tell that -- because it has become an obsession with him -- and because he has had the support of the press and other media of communication to try to brainwash the people of Massachusetts into believing that this regressive and unfair tax is best for them -- and because too many of the Democrats we supported last Fall have turned from us to go along with the Governor on this vital issue -- we have had a pretty rough time of it.

So for the first time since the inception of our political education programs -- we have announced our intention to become active in primary

elections from now on. We have warned that those Democrats who feel smug about their ability to sneak through the primaries for clear sailing in a solid Democratic district will henceforth have to improve their voting records on important labor legislation.

But even though the sales tax fight has brought these defectors into a glaring limelight -- you have to look at their entire voting record to fully realize that we have no alternative but to take drastic steps. You'll find that most of these sales tax defectors also helped to kill our bill calling for unemployment compensation in labor disputes deliberately prolonged by employers. You'll find that they also helped defeat our bill calling for unemployment compensation for workers who become unemployed because of illness or off-^{the}~~an~~-job injury. You'll find that they also voted against the establishment of a State Fund for Workmen's Compensation.

Next Fall they'll come to you again for support -- and they'll argue that you have no right to ignore them just because they voted "wrong" once or twice -- or maybe three times -- because they were with you all the way on your other bills.

They were with you all the way, all right. All the way on bills that even the majority of Republicans would not dare to vote against.

So I say -- let's be done with being taken for fools election year after election year. Let's cancel out these fakers in the primaries.

And on this very point I would like to focus your attention on one of ^{the} constitutional amendments that will be presented to this Convention for approval.

The amendment calls for an increase of two cents in per capita payments to the State Council.

Originally, we had intended to ask for an increase of one cent. I am sure that the need for such an increase is obvious to all of you.

The costs of operating the Council have climbed steadily in the past six years -- the cost of equipment, of supplies, of postage, and of the services rendered. Our official staff and our clerical staff have not ~~not~~ received any increase in wages -- and even though they have not pressured us -- we know that the cost of living has gone up for them the same as for all other union members for whom wage increases have been negotiated by their unions during those same years. So there are many reasons why an increase in per capita is inevitable.

In asking for that other cent at this time, we want you to consider the essential need for earmarking a part of our per capita receipts for use by our Department of Political Education. We can't kid ourselves any longer. We have not been getting the response we should have been getting in our drives for COPE contributions. The money is needed for registration drives -- for the distribution of voting records and other literature during election campaigns.

And now that we are committed to doing a more effective job in getting real friends of labor elected, there is ample reason for making sure that we have money with which to operate.

So I want you to consider carefully every aspect of the resolution asking for an increase of two cents in our per capita tax payments. It is vitally important.

In closing, let me call your attention to the Report of your Executive Officers, which was included in your Convention kits. In it you will get a broad picture of the many activities ~~HHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH~~ in which your State Council must play a vital role throughout the year. It will also give you a clear view of the vital need for your continued cooperation as local unions and area councils.

So let us today resolve -- as the most important action of this Convention -- that we will continue to work in unity and as a team -- as we have this past year.

I thank you.

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This cooperation has made it easier to bear the heavy tasks and the grave responsibilities of the office to which you elected me last year.

On a federal level we have done well with medicare, improved Social Security, the Voting Rights Bill, the anti-poverty law and the education bill. We still are fighting for repeal of Section 14(b) which should be changed and I urge every one of you to wire Senator Saltonstall urging him to support repeal of Section 14(b), which Senator Kennedy already has endorsed.

Now let us look at what has happened on a state level.

Remember that here too we went all out last Fall to put new faces in our State Legislature. So much so that the Democratic party, which historically has most of labor's friends, took control of both branches of our General Court by enough votes to override any veto -- no matter from what party the Governor might come.

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Well -- I don't have to tell you that for the past nine months our Republican Governor, with the help of the wealthy landlords and the large corporations, has been trying to jam a combined income-sales tax through the State Legislature and to pick the pockets of the poor people of this Commonwealth.

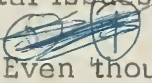
② I don't have to remind you of the National AFL-CIO and our long-standing state position adopted at our Conventions in opposition to a sales tax, which hurts those persons least able to resist. I don't have to tell you that the Governor's program hits the unemployed, the aged, the pensioner, the person on social security, the injured, the disabled, and the poor person. The Governor would tax household necessities such as soap, household goods, toothpaste, toothbrushes, vitamins, and even aspirin tablets. He would tax automobiles and kitchen utensils, the furniture, the radio and TV sets and the refrigerators for the house and every single household item used by the working men and women of this Commonwealth.

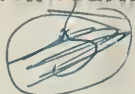
③ You should know that the Governor's combined income-sales tax proposal does not tax the large landowners, who now pay not one cent to the state in taxes. The Governor's program gives them a bonus in the form of property tax relief as well as a capital gain. It does not tax the ^{insurance companies or} ~~wealthy~~ or other groups who do not bear their fair share of state taxes. But -- the Governor's unfair income-sales tax combination would cost every family in Massachusetts on the average \$160 per year! It hurts the poor person and helps the wealthy. It neglects the important and fair tax principle of ability to pay in which we believe. It doesn't incorporate our suggestions which we gave to the Ways and Means Committee and which was a fair tax proposal for education and for relief to property owners. The Governor's tax proposal is not a fair tax. It is not a fair solution to the fiscal problems of

the Commonwealth. It is inequitable, unfair and regressive by every standard and it should be defeated!

Let me also point to those members of the Democratic party who have departed from the platform on which they ran. The Democratic platform which we supported includes an anti-sales tax plank. Yet some of these Democrats who endorsed this platform and were actively supported by us are now falling for the Governor's unfair proposals. They are being misled by propaganda, a misleading press and false prophets. To them, I say -- "Shame on You."

So for the first time since the inception of our political education programs -- we have announced our intention to become active in primary elections from now on. We say to those Democrats who feel smug about their ability to sneak through the primaries for clear sailing in a solid Democratic district that they will henceforth have to improve their voting records on important labor legislation and on such vital issues as the Governor's combined income-sales tax proposal.

 Even though the sales tax fight has brought these defectors into a glaring limelight -- you have to look at their entire voting record to fully realize that we have no alternative but to take drastic steps. You'll find that most of these sales tax defectors also helped to kill our bill calling for unemployment compensation in labor disputes deliberately prolonged by employers. You'll find that they also helped defeat our bill calling for unemployment compensation for workers who have become unemployed because of illness or off-the-job injury. You'll find that they also voted against other labor measures which help all the working people of this Commonwealth.



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In closing, then, I say to you that the Massachusetts State Labor Council, AFL-CIO which represents the largest tax paying group in the Commonwealth with 600,000 members of organized labor, will work for the defeat of the Governor's combined sales-income tax proposal. We shall educate all the voters in Massachusetts on the voting records of the Legislators and to follow Gompers' philosophy of "Rewarding Your Friends and Defeating Your Enemies."

OFFICIAL BALLOT

MASSACHUSETTS STATE LABOR COUNCIL AFL-CIO



Eighth Annual Convention

October 8, 1965

Per Capita Votes _____

Address given by Joseph Salerno, New England Director, Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America at the Mass. State Labor Council, AFL-CIO Convention held at the Statler-Hilton Hotel in Boston.

RELEASE: THURSDAY MORNING
OCTOBER 7, 1965
AT: 9:00 A.M.

FOR AFTERNOON PAPERS

Pope Paul's divinely inspired plea for world peace should be accompanied by an all-out United States effort to improve its faltering image abroad through economic rehabilitation and educational programs in underdeveloped nations, Joseph Salerno, New England Director of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers Union, told over 1,500 delegates today at the Mass. State Labor Council, AFL-CIO Convention in Boston.

Unless Congress adopts President Johnson's program to help these poverty stricken nations, then the Communists will take over control of additional millions of people in the years ahead, Salerno warned.

The veteran labor leader called on allies of the United States who have grown prosperous because of America's economic aid since World War II to join America so that key industrial countries of the world can help the poorer nations to overcome poverty through a Peace Corps of teachers, technicians and machines.

"This would turn hostility into friendship and hatred into respect," Salerno predicted, adding, "We must implement the Pope's plea for peace by economic cooperation to stop the expansion of Communism in Asia and Latin America and change the anti-American slogans of 'Yankee Go Home' into 'Yankee Come Home.'"

Salerno told the delegates that hundreds of millions of people in the underdeveloped nations have an annual income of less than \$200 per year and they need bread, education, skills and machines -- not bombs to overcome Communism. One half of these people cannot read or write and another half go to bed hungry every night, Salerno asserted.

Since the last World War, he pointed out that the richer nations have got richer and the poor poorer. "That is the reason why China is making great headway in Asia and Africa," he stated. "To stop China's crusade of racism, war and hatred against America, we must help the needy nations to industrialize and conquer poverty, the major cause of social unrest and Communism."

Salerno said, the twisted image of America abroad proves that U.S. foreign policy and our means of communication are not effective. He continued:

"We must launch an international visual educational campaign in foreign languages. We must show how the incentive of private enterprise and America's public enterprise can create abundance for all and

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how America with less than 200 million people outproduces the whole Communist world of 975 million people. This is 20th Century American democracy, not 18th Century capitalism.

"We must encourage more exchange visits with the people of the backward countries. We must make truth our weapon. We must speak a language the masses can understand. We must eliminate stripe pants attitudes.

"Today, the problems of the underdeveloped countries are economical and educational, not military. In this atomic age, we must control force through the United Nations to prevent war by miscalculation and universal destruction. Today, when over 100 million people can be destroyed in 24 hours of atomic war, the military slogans of 'courage,' 'victory,' and 'defeat' have become obsolete. Humanity has to choose between coexistence or no existence!"

Salerno said, we must choose whether we will waste our human and financial resources for war or to defeat poverty. He noted that the nations of the world together spend over \$150 billion per year for war preparations with over 16 million men under arms.

"If all nations would gradually reduce the cost of armaments by 10% per year - in three years the world could give to the underdeveloped nations over \$50 billion per year. This would give them enough money to get enough education, new skills and machines to wipe out poverty and ignorance without all of us paying more taxes," Salerno asserted.

"This would eliminate the major causes of war, hatred and revolutions."

Salerno said, Americans must support President Johnson's efforts to negotiate our way to peace in Vietnam through the United Nations or the peaceful efforts of any other nation.

"President Johnson's domestic program has been a great success. But, in foreign policy he has not been able to overcome the decline of America's prestige abroad. We must reexamine our international relations. To help President Johnson succeed in foreign policy, the American people must speak up more affirmatively on foreign policy," Salerno declared.

He noted that today, the United States is bound by military alliances with 42 nations with a total population of over 865 million people. Yet, he said, when our allies were called upon to help resist Communist aggression in Vietnam, they offered plenty of 'criticism'

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and 'advice' and very few soldiers."

In Vietnam, in Columbia, in Latin America, as in other parts of the world, the United States bears the burden almost alone. "Can America become the policeman of the world and survive?" Salerno asked.

Since 1945, our 12 allies in Western Europe with U. S. aid have become the most prosperous nations in the world, Salerno stated.

"Yet, these 12 European countries with over 300 million people have less than 3 million men under arms, nearly all serving on home bases. America with less people has 3 million men under arms with over 1 million American soldiers serving outside of the United States. There is no other country in history that has carried this kind of burden."

"While every American taxpayer pays \$300 per year for military expenditures, the taxpayers of our European allies pay less than \$55 per person.

"While the United States has about 6 percent of its manpower in military uniform, most of our big Western allies have less than 3 percent.

"Do you wonder why many ask -- is America being played for a sucker when it comes to paying the bill for defense in blood and money?"

"While America is called 'Uncle Shylock' we gave arms to India and Pakistan to defend themselves against aggression. But instead of fighting Chinese Communist aggression, they are fighting each other."

Salerno hailed Ambassador Goldberg's recent appeal to the United Nations for the gradual reduction of armaments.

"The greatest challenge to this generation is the heavy burden of armaments and the threat of atomic war. We already have enough bombs to destroy the world and ourselves many times.

"Today, there is no alternative to peace. We must work with friends and foe to build the United Nations as the last hope of mankind for world peace," Salerno concluded.

